

# EHHS Endeavors

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Kent State University  
College of Education, Health, and Human Services

## Message from your Grants Coordinator

Thank you to all those who complimented us on the inaugural issue of EHHS Endeavors. And while we loved reading your compliments, we'd also love to receive your ideas! In addition to regular features (proposals submitted and awards received info, news from the Research and Evaluation Bureau, and Alphabet Soup), what information would you like to see shared? Do you have an idea for a regularly appearing feature, or a topic you'd like to see covered in a feature article? Tell us what you think – send an email to [mhoverst@kent.edu](mailto:mhoverst@kent.edu). Cheers, Michelle



Pull up a chair, get comfy, and enjoy.

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Issue II

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## Message from your Associate Dean

With this second issue of *EHHS Endeavors*, we intend to establish a trend of informing the college about the research activities that are taking place across all four schools. We have the EHHS Research Advisory Committee in place and have had several meetings already this year. We continue to explore ways that we can support faculty in their research endeavors (hence, the name of our newsletter) and look to you to suggest additional ways of supporting your work.

Nancy Barbour  
Associate Dean and Interim Director of Research

## Proposal Submissions



We have been busy! In the three month period of December 2009 through February 2010, EHHS faculty submitted 21 proposals for new external funding (note this is the same number of proposals as submitted in the previous five month period). An additional two proposals for internal (KSU) funding were also submitted.

Help us include your efforts in our numbers! Because internal (KSU) proposals, external letters of inquiry, and external pre-proposals typically do not have to go through either the EHHS grant office or Sponsored Programs, there is no formal mechanism for us to know about these submissions. Please inform Michelle Hoversten of any of these items so we may reflect your efforts in our counts.

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## External Funding Report: October—December 2009

Congratulations to all who have been successful in their quest for externally sponsored funding of their scholarly activities.

### FLA

(R)	Tricia Niesz \$39,700 from Spencer Foundation	<i>The 'Silent Revolution' of the Activity Based Learning Movement in Tamil Nadu, India</i>
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### LDES

(PS)	Robert Flexer w/Robert Baer \$76,526 from OH Rehab Serv Comm/ US Dept of Ed	<i>Promoting Rehabilitation &amp; Education Results Through State, Regional, and Local Collaboration</i>
(R)	Phillip Rumrill \$76,700 from US Dept of Ed	<i>Disability &amp; Business Technical Assistance Center: Coordination, Outreach, and Resource Center</i>

### TL

(PS)	Michael Mikusa \$33,106 from Ohio State Univ Research Fndtn	<i>Mathematics Review Board Chair of the ORC for Mathematics, Science, and Reading 2009-2010</i>
(I)	Nancy Padak w/Gary Padak \$99,160 from TX Guaranteed Student Loan Corp	<i>Bridge to a College Education</i>
(PS)	Nancy Padak \$130,935 from World Ed/US Dept of Ed	<i>LINCS Region I Regional Resource Center</i>
(PS)	Nancy Padak \$9,200 from OBR/US Dept of Ed	<i>OH Literacy Resource Center Grant – FY 2010</i>

### EHHS - NON SCHOOL

(I)	Linda Robertson \$159,799 from IREX/US Dept of State	<i>Int'l Leaders in Education &amp; Teaching Excellence &amp; Achievement Programs</i>
(PS)	Linda Robertson \$15,000 from OH Dept of Ed	<i>Global Institute 2009: OH Teachers Going Global</i>
(R)	Deborah Shama-Davis w/Pamela Freeman \$62,500 from CWRU/NSF	<i>Center for Polymeric Systems (CliPS)</i>

Award categories: R=Research, I=Instructional, PS=Public Service



## Research and Evaluation Bureau

The Research and Evaluation Bureau often utilizes students, both undergraduate and graduate, in our projects. This issue will highlight a doctoral student who has been with us since 2005.

Lennise Baptiste began her doctoral program in Evaluation and Measurement here at KSU in August 2005 and will defend her dissertation later this month. From her first semester, she worked as a Graduate Assistant in the Research and Evaluation Bureau. She brought with her professional experience from different roles in the education field. She worked for 15 years as a teacher at the elementary and secondary levels. As a Curriculum Studies Specialist she trained educators and administrators to use educational software and other computer programs to improve their effectiveness and efficiency. She worked as an elementary school principal for 2 years. In 2003 she was employed by the Caribbean Examinations Council as a Measurement and Testing Officer. In this role she led the work of examination teams who developed different types of assessments for secondary students in English-speaking Caribbean countries.

Lennise shaped her doctoral program to gain expertise in the field of program evaluation and she values the experience she has gained at the Bureau. She has been involved in evaluation activities conducted by the Bureau for projects such as the Akron After-School program, the Math Science Partnership for the 17 Stark County districts and the Alliance City School districts, and the STEM Academies for the Ohio Board of Regents. From 2006 to 2008, Lennise worked as one of two empowerment evaluators for the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. That work involved making site visits to four sites in Ohio and attending biannual meetings with the CDC in Atlanta. Lennise is acknowledged as a contributor to Ohio's Plan for Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention entitled *Pathways in Prevention: A Roadmap for Change* which was published in 2009. Her present projects include an initiative between Case Western Reserve University and high schools in Cleveland, and another project involving a partnership among 2 universities and a community college.

Lennise is amused that having coming from Trinidad and Tobago, where the temperature ranges from 72 to 95 F she can now recognize snow clouds. The present Bureau Director Deborah Shama-Davis gave her an indoor skiing lesson in her second semester. While the Kent weather presented some challenges, Lennise values the relationships she has developed with the Bureau, College and University staff, and members of the Kent community. In her words, "Kent is not an overwhelming city like New York, San Francisco or Miami. I have seen a side of the USA that is not often presented in the media. The bus driver remembers you."

Lennise is scheduled to defend her dissertation March 24th. We wish her good luck and much success for her future.



## Events

February 12 marked the inaugural Brown Bag Session hosted by the EHHS Office of Research and Faculty Diversity. At that session, staff from the Research and Evaluation Bureau shared info on who they are, what they do, and how they can help student and faculty research efforts.

This month's Brown Bag Session is being held **Thursday, March 18** from noon to 1 in the Read Room (room 200, White Hall). Guest speakers at this month's session are two individuals from Sponsored Programs/RAGS: Becky Hayes, Assistant Director of pre-award (when we're submitting proposals) and Lori Burchard, Assistant Director of post-award (after you have a grant). Learn a bit about who these individuals are and what their areas do. Please plan on joining us – and feel free to bring your lunch (either brown bag it or pick something up in the Food for Thought café).

### Attention Faculty!

Are you applying for a grant?

We can help with your evaluation plan and/or research design.

The Research and Evaluation Bureau will work with you to develop and write the evaluation and/or research plan for your grant. This service is offered at no cost to you, with the understanding that the Bureau will serve as the evaluation agency if your proposal is funded.

In most cases, the Bureau is considered by funding agencies (including NSF) to be *external evaluators*.



## Alphabet Soup

*Learning, or relearning, the details behind acronyms commonly used in the world of grants.*

IRB = Institutional Review Board (in many KSU on-line and print documents, also referred to as Human Subjects Review Board [HSRB]).

The statement of purpose for KSU's IRB is to "protect the rights, well-being, and personal privacy of individuals, to assure a favorable climate for the conduct of scientific inquiry, and to protect the interests of the university..." The KSU IRB exists as mandated by federal regulations and works to ensure that KSU students, faculty, and staff comply with all pertinent University policies and federal regulations.

Information regarding the KSU IRB, including a procedures manual and forms, can be found by visiting <http://www1.kent.edu/rags/Compliance/Human-Subjects.cfm>.



## Q & A Corner

**Q:** I received a grant recently – why is it not included in the External Funding Report?

**A:** Unfortunately a fair amount of time can pass between a funder notifying you that you will receive funding and it becoming "official." Our newsletter's listing of external funding typically is pulled from a report issued by Sponsored Programs – and only "official" awards are listed on that report.

**Q:** What makes my award "official?"

**A:** Paperwork! And it depends upon the funder. It could be as simple as Kent State receiving the formal Grant Award Notification from a federal agency. Or it could be more involved such as Kent State receiving a contract for review and signature – if the contract contains terms and conditions which we cannot accept (which does happen), we must work with the funder to have the contract revised. KSU is typically the first signatory on documents such as contracts; after signature and return to funder, the contract must be signed by the funder and a fully authorized and executed copy must be returned to Kent State. Only after this fully executed copy is received is your grant "official."

**Q:** How will I know when my grant is "official?"

**A:** You will receive notification that an index number (44xxxx) has been established for your grant. Once you have your 44xxxx number, you can count on your grant being included in an upcoming External Funding Report.